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*Question and Answer Summary – April 8, 2021***

Funding Opportunity Title: Raising Public Awareness on Countering the Financing of Terrorism in the Tri-Border Area

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This summary document outlines questions received by email and discussed during the virtual Question and Answer (Q&A) session hosted by the Department of State Counterterrorism Bureau Programs Office.

- 1. Must the main organization or implementing partners of the proposal be from a city of the tri-border area?**

A: No

- 2. Could you please provide the USG local compensation plan for Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay respectively?**

A: This is not something we are able to provide.

- 3. Do implementing organizations necessarily require an office in the tri-border region?**

A: No

- 4. Could a logic model template and example be shared, as is offered on page 5 of the NOFO?**

A: The logic model template is available on SAMS.gov and Grants.gov.

- 5. Can a private company be a partner in our proposal?**

A: For-profit and commercial firms may partner, although it must be noted that U.S. Department of State generally prohibits profit under its assistance awards to for-profit or commercial organizations. (Profit is defined as any amount in excess of allowable direct and indirect costs.)

- 6. If we partner with another entity does the Department have any specific requirements in this regard? Are there any other restrictions on the type of partners that we can engage with on this proposal?**

A: As listed on page 3 of the NOFO, the following organizations are eligible to apply and the same list should be taken into account for partner entities:

- a. U.S. or foreign not-for-profit organizations, including think tanks and civil society/non-governmental organizations
- b. U.S. or foreign public and private educational institutions

- c. Foreign Public International Organizations (PIOs) and Governmental institutions
- d. For-profit and Commercial firms, although it must be noted that U.S. Department of State generally prohibits profit under its assistance awards to for-profit or commercial organizations. (Profit is defined as any amount in excess of allowable direct and indirect costs.)

7. Are we permitted to hire a contractor to help implement the proposal?

A: Yes

8. The NOFO specifies criminal justice sectors and related financial institutions as key counterparts for this program. Can charities/non-governmental organizations and DNFBPs also be involved in the activities proposed?

A: The intent of this program is to build the capacity of the criminal justice sectors and related financial institutions in the partner nations to raise awareness around terrorism finance among the general public so that these institutions can effectively communicate with the general public.

9. On page 2 of the NOFO, under the third program objective, could you please clarify whether the implementer is expected to create the communication mediums/channels (e.g., build websites) or only the content? or both?

A: Both. The implementer is responsible for both the production and distribution of content and therefore must ensure there is a functioning medium/channel by which the content is effectively shared, which could include building a website.

10. On page 4 of the NOFO, under "Proposal", applicants must list all previous grants from the U.S. Embassy and/or U.S. Government agencies. This list would be very long for our organization - would it be possible to list these grants in an Annex?

A: A relevant sampling demonstrating your organization's capacity and/or experience implementing programs in the region, included within the 10-page proposal narrative will be sufficient. Please do not provide in an annex.

11. Could a draft performance monitoring plan (PMP) be included in an annex to list proposed indicators, explain how monitoring will be carried out and by whom, and methods for measuring change, as requested in the NOFO?

A: The PMP for the program is required after a proposal is selected. You may describe your program methods and design in the way you find most impactful, however it should be provided in the 10-page proposal narrative as described in the NOFO, not in an annex.

12. At the description of the Gender Analysis requirement, CT mentions that this information should be a standalone document rather than a section of the proposal narrative. Can CT clarify whether this document counts for the proposal narrative 10-page limit? Or is it in addition to the narrative?

A: The gender analysis should be provided in addition to the 10-page proposal narrative.

13. Could you please clarify whether activities that raise CFT awareness among businesses and organizations would be acceptable, or only activities focused on raising CFT awareness among the general public?

A: This program is targeted at the general public.

14. With regards to promoting “public” awareness, does the term “public” mean raising awareness of the general community of a state or is that term also intended to include raising awareness of the “public sector” of those states (i.e. the agencies in those states focused on justice and financial sectors?)

A: This program is intended to promote awareness among the general community.

15. Are implementing organizations encouraged to engage with beneficiary stakeholders in the 3 tri-border countries in the design of our proposals?

A: Implementers are welcome to take advantage of existing contacts they may have in order to design their proposals, however this is not required.

16. The NOFO indicates that this program is meant to support the criminal justice sector – what does that include?

A: An example list is provided in the NOFO under “Program Beneficiaries”, indicating the ministries of law or justice, interior, relevant AML/CFT regulators, financial intelligence units, law enforcement agencies, and prosecutors.

17. Is there an example list of what “related private sector financial institutions” includes?

A: An example list includes banks, money service businesses (MSBs) also known as money or value transfer services (MVTs), and currency exchange houses.

18. This seems different from what CT has done before with its programs, why?

A: CT is looking to broaden the scope of its efforts in the Western Hemisphere and get more creative in its efforts. This program is intended to help partner nations more effectively communicate to the public how average citizens may unwittingly contribute to terrorism finance in their day-to-day activities and how they may do otherwise.

19. Should we include or anticipate co-funding from the local government?

A: No.

20. How do you envision this program working alongside your existing programs?

A: CT supports other programs regionally which address the CFT issue, however the nature of this NOFO is intended to be complementary. Once a proposal is selected, CT may help facilitate conversations with other implementers in order to ensure the programs are deconflicted.

21. Should proposals be limited to work that can be done/communicated alongside the partner governments?

A: Yes, the partner nation government would need to be aligned with the messaging produced as part of this program. Keep in mind that proposals should be culturally competent and conscious of the unique dynamics in each country.

22. Has CT conducted similar projects in other regions?

A: Yes